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EXHIBIT A

Declaration of Adeel Akhtar, Knobbe, Martens, Olson & Bear, L.L.P.

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**DECLARATION OF ADEEL AKHTAR**

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I, Adeel Akhtar, based on my personal knowledge, state and declare as follows.

1. I am an attorney at law registered to practice before the U.S. Patent Office. I am a partner at Knobbe Martens Olson & Bear L.L.P. ("KMOB") and am responsible for the prosecution of the above referenced patent application.

2. The Office Letter related to the above-referenced patent application mailed by the Examiner on August 15, 2001 was not received by KMOB. A search of the file jacket and docket records indicate the Office letter was not received.

3. A copy of the KMOB docket record where the nonreceived Office communication would have been entered had it been received is attached.

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful, false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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Title: **THIN FILM MEMORY DEVICE HAVING LOCAL AND EXTERNAL MAGNETIC SHIELDING**

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